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*Vietnam: Ground action in South Vietnam was generally light on 23 November.

Elements of the US 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 4th Infantry Division completed the seizure of Hill 875 near Dak To. The US forces met only limited resistance in the final assault. Prolonged US air and artillery bombardment apparently had killed or forced the evacuation of many of the Communist defenders.

Prior to the seizure of the hill on 23 November, US casualties in the Dak To fighting stood at 274 killed and 939 wounded. Enemy losses were placed at 984 dead.

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In any case, it may be several months before these units appear in action in South Vietnam. It is not clear as yet whether the 304th will remain intact or will be split up to provide replacements for existing North Vietnamese and Viet Cong units. [redacted]

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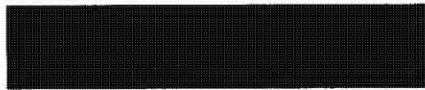
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